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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a summary of Israeli violations and acts of aggression carried out against Lebanon from 26 to 30 December 2004, inclusive (see annex).

These grave violations are part of a series of persistent and provocative Israeli violations of Lebanese territory, including air, sea and land, and contravene the principles of international law, the resolutions of international legitimacy and the repeated calls of the United Nations for their cessation.

In view of these violations and the stepping-up of Israeli threats against Lebanon and the safety of its territory and its citizens, Lebanon relies upon the United Nations to deter and prevent Israel from indulging in such dangerous acts, which constitute a threat to international security and peace. Lebanon holds Israel fully responsible for any consequences to which those acts may lead.

In drawing your attention to the grave consequences of such acts, I request that the present letter of complaint and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sami **Kronfol**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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On 26 December 2004, between 0945 and 1145 hours, an Israeli drone plane violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude, entered from above the sea facing Tyre, headed to Beirut and flew in a circular motion over Saida and Khalde.

On 27 December 2004, between 0959 and 1315 hours, an Israeli drone plane violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude, entered from above the sea facing Tyre and flew in a circular motion over Saida and Tyre.

On 27 December 2004, between 1025 and 1315 hours, an Israeli drone plane violated Lebanese airspace at a medium altitude, entered from above the sea facing Tyre and flew in a circular motion over Saida and Tyre.

On 30 December 2004, between 1119 and 1202 hours, three Israeli warplanes violated Lebanese airspace at different altitudes, entered from above the sea facing Jbeil, headed to Baalbach and Chekaa and flew in a circular motion over Jbeil, Tripoli and Baalback.